

# THE LEDGER.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1891.

MEXICO knows how to make its guests feel at home.

MEXICO must have a mile track. Mexico will have a mile track.

JUDGE G. B. MACFARLANE has gone to Jefferson City to assume his duties as Supreme Judge.

WHEN one hundred soldiers kill one Indian it is "war." When one soldier is killed it is a massacre.

MEXICO's reputation for enterprise and hospitality was properly attended to during the breeders' meeting.

WE are reliably informed that J. I. Nichols, of the Callaway Gazette, has opened a school of theology.

THE Jefferson City Tribune says the London Gaiety show is not half as tough as its bills would indicate.

BILLIE CARTER says there is no place like Mexico and he is coming back here in the spring to identify himself with the horse interests of Audrain.

WE wish every stockholder in the Mexico Fair Association could have heard what the horse breeders said about the necessity of a mile track.

THE stock breeders are as fine looking and intelligent a body of men as you can find anywhere. The horse breeding interests of Missouri are in good hands.

THE Martinsburg Message issued a most excellent Christmas edition, which was a credit to the management and will prove of great benefit to the town.

HON. C. F. CLARK is one of the most prominent horse breeders in the State and is as sound as a dollar on his position in regard to organizing the Association from a business standpoint.

SIMON PHILLIPS, one of Mexico's most steady and industrious young business men, has been admitted to partnership with his father, Lewis Phillips, in the clothing business. Simon is energetic, attentive to business and will put young blood into the business.

THE LEDGER wishes all of its patrons and the rest of mankind a happy and prosperous New Year. The LEDGER enters upon the New Year with new machinery, new life and energy. New features will be added and its management has resolved, as usual on the first of every year, to make the paper better than the year before.

THE farmers will make no mistake in buying their groceries at home. Buy everything at home from the merchants you know, from the merchants who live among you and whose interests are your interests. Parties who claim to have been swindled by peddlers of groceries from a Chicago house, we trust, have learned a lesson.

THE next trotting meeting of the breeders' association will either be in Mexico or in St. Louis. It should be in Mexico. The location will be settled by the executive committee on the 4th of February. Mexico would have gotten it easily last night if our fair association had voted a mile track at its meeting the other day. This proposition will carry next time.

JAMES MINOR to-day assumes the duties of County Recorder. T. T. Torreyson, who has held the office for eight years, made one of the most faithful and conscientious officers any county ever had. He owns a fine farm in this county to which he will move in the spring. Tom says he is out of politics and will go to farming and stock raising. His record as a public official is one of which he may well be proud.

T. J. DONCARLOS informs us that a Chicago grocery firm has agents traveling around this county selling groceries to our farmers. He says several hundred dollars worth have been bought and, speaking from experience, he advises the farmers to buy here at home. This is the advice the LEDGER has always given and we are sure it will pay in the long run. Always patronize home industries and buy from your home merchants. There is no excuse for any one going away from Mexico to buy goods.

THE following head lines are found in to-day's Kansas City Times in regard to the Indian war: "Massacre"—"Foul treachery of the Sioux"—"Soldiers fired on at close range by the mad Indians"—"Captain Wallace tomahawked and five private killed"—"Lieutenant Gardington and other soldiers badly wounded"—"No further mercy shown to the red devils by the troops"—"At least fifty Indians killed so far as known"—"A courier from the agency reports that war has broken out there"—"Settlers gathering in the towns".

THE Indian War. Official dispatches show that 92 Indians are known to have been killed in the fight on Wounded Knee Creek Monday. This does not include those killed in ravines where dead warriors were seen but not counted. Twenty-one women and children are known to have been wounded. Col. Forsyth reports his loss at 25 killed and 34 wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. Dule, of Virginia, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gapsin, left for their home this afternoon.

# Farmers' Department.

EDITED BY J. N. CROSS.

Sec'y Audrain County F. & L. Union.

The following from an old reader of the Journal of Agriculture contains some good ideas:

PLATTSMOUTH, Mo., Dec. 29.—Now, there is no question being discussed that is of more vital importance than the financial question, and I am glad that that question is receiving so much attention. This country has long been under control of Wall street; no people on earth has been more continually and persistently robbed, and that under forms of law, than the American people for the last 25 years, and its effect is nearly bankrupting of the entire producing population. But the unanimity of the people for the unlimited coinage of silver and the issue of Treasury notes to the full requirements of trade, gives me hope that the end of the robbery is near. If this is a government for the people and by the people, let it then protect the people and prevent them from being robbed by trusts, combines, etc., by loaning them money at a low rate of interest on good security.

I am not in favor of the sub-Treasury bill. It will work well in cotton and sugar States, but in the West it will not do, from the fact that the production of the West—corn, wheat and rye—are damaged from storage, and also a continuous waste. But to accomplish all the country, North, South, East and West, needs is to establish sub-Treasuries conveniently over the country, where the part of the country or State Treasury notes as much as they want, at say 3 per cent., on just such security as would be required by individuals lending one to another. The government could make any National bank in any part of the country or State Treasury notes as much as they want, at say 3 per cent., on just such security as would be required by individuals lending one to another.

The aim of the Farmers' Alliance and the organizations which affiliate with it is to find the cause and apply the cure. The result of their investigation thus far has led them to the conclusion, in a general way, that the cause is chiefly due to unwise legislation or the failure of the Government to meet the situation with appropriate remedies; the cure, of course, is to reverse this policy and it involves, according to the present Alliance programme, both positive legislation and repeal. It is not infrequently, indeed it is usually the case, that the revolt of so large a mass of men as are engaged in this movement will at first mistake the nature of the evil with which they have to deal and miss the right remedy. While they feel keenly they may see dimly and strike blindly, and their measures of relief may be as drastic and extreme as their yoke is galling and their burden severe. In studying the demands formulated by the Alliance, therefore, one will be less surprised by the ultra-radical or visionary character of some of their ideas than by the clear-headed wisdom of others for men stung to sudden action by intolerable wrong are more often intemperately earnest than wise.

The most dangerous foe of the people is the man who will sacrifice everything to obtain an office for himself, and they are many. And just now we find the field full of men who, thrown promiscuously to the surface by the recent political convulsion, are arising out of the dust and ashes, shaking themselves, straightening up and saying, "Look what we did." Then they forthwith begin to peer about to see what office they can conveniently lay their hands upon. Such men forget the cause of their elevation and do not consider their obligations to the Grand Order that promoted them. They should, by all means, serve faithfully and show their devotion. Self should be left in the background. This numerous army of self-interested brothers is the greatest danger that threatens us now. Let us watch as well as pray. Look to the cool heads to steer us aright.

The Farmers in Politics. The following from an exchange is exactly to the point: "It is surprising how the whole country was awakened by the recent election, to the fact that the farmer is an important factor in politics. Previous to that time, no big political organ ever thought it worth while to mention the farmer, except now and then in relation to the production of crops, or something of that sort. But now the Union and the Alliance, the Grange and the F. M. B. A. fill up half the editorial pages of the biggest dailies in the country. 'Old Hayseeds,' as they call him, has come to the front. They have put hot coals of fire on his back until they have found not only that he is alive, but that when he takes a notion nothing under heaven can hold him."—Journal of Agriculture.

Every farmer who opposes the farmers' movement should put this little article in his hat: Take what view one may of the Farmers' Alliance and its effects upon politics, there will be no question whether the specific ends at which it is directed are accomplished or not, that the result must be to the advantage of the farmers themselves, but to the en-

tire industrial community. It is seldom that any political movement compasses all of its purposes, but it is something to fail in a great undertaking when this mere failure gives a propulsion to the whole of society in the right direction.—Home and Farm.

The great combines are multiplying weekly. Only last year the manufacturers of threshing machines began massing their interests after the fashion of the Harvester combine. Also the Grain Drill manufacturers are taking steps to the same end. Great Lord! What shall we do? Stand and deliver? Verily, no. We will see them out yet. Brand as a coward if not a knave the man who looks calmly on and refuses to help his brethren in this, their great struggle for laboring millions of this and future generations.

The Farmers' Alliance Conventions, held in South Dakota and Pennsylvania recently, adopted platforms utterly opposed to extravagance, to unjust taxation, to trusts and to everything that savored of politics in place of the business of the country. They want men, not politicians, business management of the country's affairs, not politics, and an honest administration, be the party in power which it may.

The farmer can possibly do very little individually, for himself, in the control of his products in foreign markets, but through organization he can invoke the aid of the government, through its agricultural department, to ascertain what foreign countries import agricultural products, and what policy can be pursued by our government for securing these markets for the farmers of America.

The Audrain County F. & L. U. Legislative Committee will hold a meeting in Mexico next Saturday, the 3rd of January. Every brother who feels an interest in their deliberations should be present and are cordially invited.

Charley Beal, a brother of the editors of the Laddonia Herald, was recently elected one of the executive committee of the State Alliance of Nebraska.

Brother secretaries: I am mailing reports for semi-annual statements. Please fill out carefully and return as soon as possible with State and county dues.

Live Stock Market. St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 30.—The National Stock Yards, of East St. Louis, furnishes the following quotations:

CATTLE.—The receipts to-day were 300 head; the shipments were 300 head. The market ruled steady. The sales ranged as follows: Good to fancy native steers, \$4.40a5.00; fair to good steers, \$3.40a4.10; stockers and feeders, at \$2.00a3.15; Texans and Indian steers, quoted at \$2.30a3.50; range steers, not quoted.

HOGS.—The receipts to-day were 6,500 head; the shipments were 600. Market was slow. The sales ranged as follows: Fair to choice heavy were quoted at \$3.50a3.65; packing grades, not quoted; mixed grades, quoted at \$3.20a3.50; butchers' grades, not quoted; light, fair to choice, quoted at \$3.25a3.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—The receipts to-day were 600 head; the shipments were none. The market was steady. Fair to choice grades of sheep were quoted at \$2.40a3.30; lambs were not quoted; mixed lots, not quoted.

A Good Crop. The following marriage licenses were granted by County Recorder Torreyson on Monday:

Samuel E. Spicer to Mary Lee Burdard.

W. L. Griffin to Laura E. Jesse. F. A. Melvin to Edith V. Johnson.

S. A. Moore to Mrs. Nancy Threlkeld.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Sims entertained a company of young people at their elegant residence, six miles northwest of Mexico, Tuesday evening. Both parlors were filled with happy young folks. At 10 o'clock an excellent supper was spread. Shortly after the guests took their departure cherishing the memory of the party as one of the happiest of their lives.

# THE LARGEST FARM.

Some Interesting Particulars Concerning This Tract.

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Of course horses are used for the herders of cattle, of which there are 16,000 head. The Southern Pacific Railway runs for thirty-six miles through the farm. The company have three steamboats operating on the waters of their estates, of which there are 300 miles navigable. They have also an icehouse, a bank, a ship yard and a rice mill.

Look Out For Fraud. Correspondence of the Ledger. Mexico, Mo., Dec. 31.—Please allow me to say a word through the medium of your widely read paper, pro bono publico.

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This fellow is a scoundrel of the worst kind, and for all the value there is in his plating material, articles might just as well be dipped in so much butter milk or dishwater.

The firm name "Griffith & Co." is bogus. His real name is Bain, and he has several times been arrested and fined. He does business from a distance from Zanesville, well knowing that no one would travel several hundred miles and go to the expense of prosecuting him for the small amount of \$10 or \$12.

As his machines are constantly passing through the express office here, to people whom he has swindled, I have thought it proper to thus expose him and save the readers of the LEDGER many dollars, perhaps. A friend of mine was recently about to send for one of these machines, and as a precaution, and to prevent his being swindled, I wrote to three citizens of Zanesville and obtained the facts as above stated.

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The books are now open for entries in the Clark & Potts combination sale which begins Feb. 24. Parties who contemplate entering stock for sale should see that their animals are put in proper condition and entries should be made at once.

This sale has been a success every year. Buyers are attracted from all parts of this and adjoining states. Good prices have uniformly prevailed. The success of the former sales is the best possible guarantee as to the future. No sale to equal it has ever been held in Missouri. Send to Clark & Potts, Mexico, Mo., for entry blanks.

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RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts, \$9,205.61

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured, 147.25

Due from other banks, 12,960.90

Due from approved reserve agents, 1,249.25

Banking house furniture and fixtures, 1,284.19

Current expenses and taxes paid, 1,355.92

Real estate owned, 2,445.62

Cash and cash items, 1,095.01

U. S. National Bank,